

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

I am a small business owner and I implore you to think of all the other small businesses in this country and not pass legislation limiting my ISP provider choice. I am a firm believer in small businesses operating in my community and in other locales and try to support them when I can. Do you just want to be able to foodshop at one supermarket chain? I am guessing not. Thank you for your consideration.